

HENRY T. COATES, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT
IN THE CASE OF HENRY T. COATES AGAINST THE UNITED
STATES.

JANUARY 8, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 7, 1902.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the Court, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

HON. DAVID B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 9352. Thomas H. Coates v. The United States.]

This case being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that Thomas H. Coates, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

Filed March 12, 1900.

BY THE COURT.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 9352. Henry T. Coates, administrator Thomas H. Coates, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 17th day of April, 1896.

On a preliminary inquiry, the court, on the 12th day of March, 1900, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were

alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 6th day of February, 1901. Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by John G. Capers, esq., his assistant and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in New York County, State of New York; that decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion in Edgecombe County, N. C.; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took from said decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$5,860.20 and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, as follows:

Taken July 27, 1863, by the Seventh and Twelfth Regiments of New York Cavalry and Fifth Massachusetts Battery, stationed at Newbern, N. C., Colonel Porter commanding:

6,150 pounds bacon, hog rounds, at 20 cents	\$1,230.00
2,150 bushels corn, at \$1.20	2,580.00
2,800 pounds hay, at \$2 per 100	56.00
60 bushels, at \$1.50	90.00
6 barrels flour, at \$12	72.00
1,666 pounds sugar, "C," at 20 cents	332.00
132 gallons molasses, P. R., at 60 cents	79.20
1 barrel cut herring	10.00
1 barrel pickled shad	25.00
1 four-horse wagon	185.00
1 set double harness	50.00
1 one-horse wagon	85.00
2 sets single harness	60.00
2 carts	100.00
1 set fine single harness	50.00
2 horses	300.00
1 fine gray horse, cost \$300	200.00
2 mules	300.00
1 dozen shovels	24.00
½ dozen spades	12.00
1 fine saddle	20.00
Total	5,860.20

The court, upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT.

There were taken from the claimant's decedent, in Edgecombe County, State of North Carolina, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, stores and supplies of the kind and character described above which were then and there reasonably worth the sum of two thousand six hundred and sixteen dollars (\$2,616).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

Filed June 3, 1901.

A true copy.

Test this 4th day of January, 1902.

[SEAL.]

BY THE COURT.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.